

**Bellarmino University Athletic Department
2005-06 Student-Athlete Handbook**

Section 4: GLVC Sportsmanship Policy

The Presidents, Faculty Athletic Representatives, Athletics Directors, Senior Woman Administrators and coaches in the conference are committed to maintaining sportsmanship and healthy competitive environments. The GLVC will strive to promote environments that are hospitable; the conference does not believe that it is desirable to create a hostile environment for intercollegiate athletic contests. The members believe that part of the mission of intercollegiate athletic programs, within educational context, should be to set an example for students and communities of how to act with sportsmanship and respect for opponents.

Therefore the GLVC expects all participants to treat opponents and officials with respect. Failure to do so may lead to penalties. Trash talking, taunting, baiting, celebrations that demean opponents, vulgar or profane language, intimidating actions, fighting attempts to injure, and any other malicious or violent conduct may be penalized by contest officials and/or the conference. At the same time, the conference has no desire to take away the joy and exuberance that naturally occurs following an exciting play or contest. Rather the intent of the conference is to encourage sportsmanship and honest competition.

GLVC Student-Athlete Pledge of Sportsmanship

As a Great Lakes Valley Conference student-athlete, I understand that the use of inappropriate language, taunting, baiting, or the use of unwarranted physical contact, directed at opposing players, coaches, or fans are contrary to the spirit of fair play and the sportsmanship the conference expects of its members.

I understand that any unsportsmanlike action during the course of the contest may result in an immediate penalty assessed to me or my team. Furthermore, I understand that game officials have been instructed that they may assess such penalties without prior warning. In signing this form, I pledge my efforts to promote GLVC sportsmanship policies.

Student-athletes will be required to sign the sportsmanship pledge prior to competition.